

PLEURONECTES ROSEUS.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Caput parvum: *Oculi* in eodem capitis latere.

Corpus compressum, altero latere subconvexo dorsum, altero plano pallidiore abdomen referente.

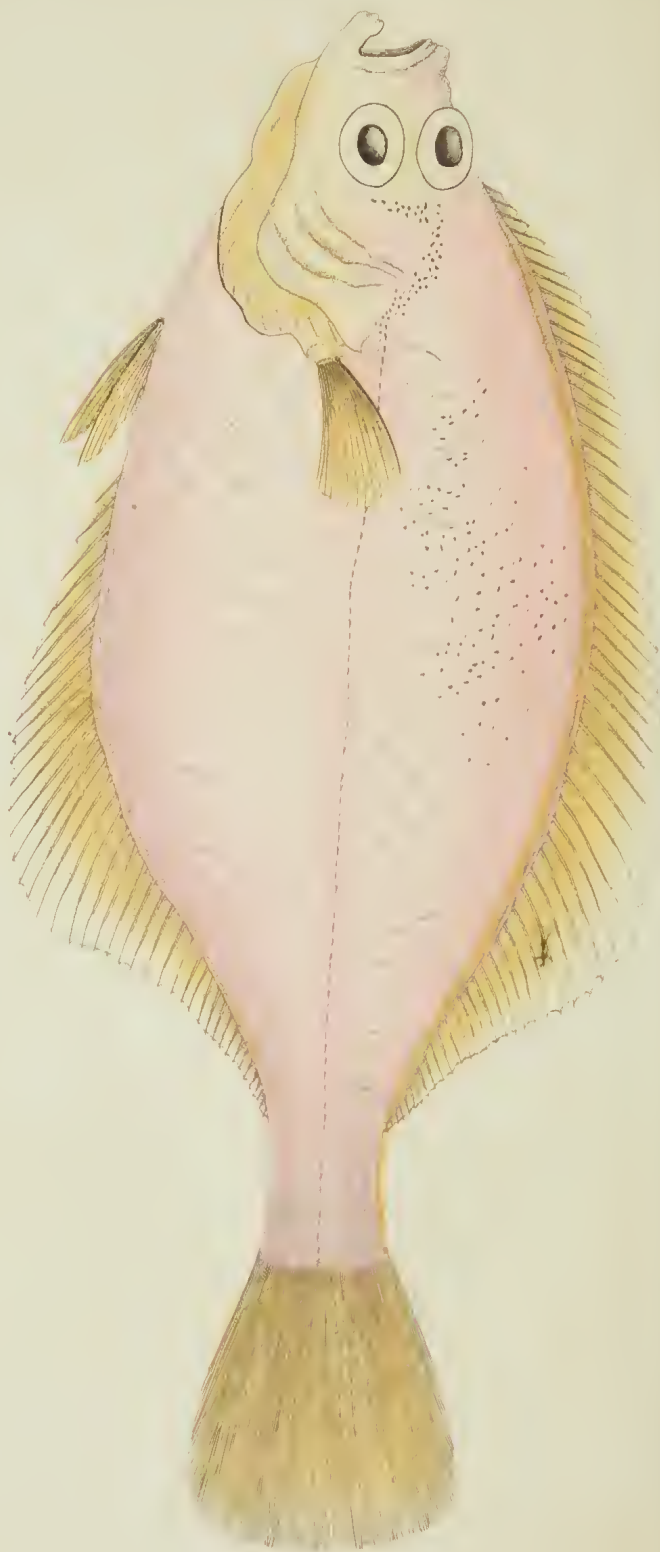
CHARACTER SPECIFICUS.

PLEURONECTES oculis dextris, corpore roseo.

Pinn: pect: rad: 12. ventr. 7. dors. 60. an. 42.
caud. 20.

Continet genus *Pleuronectes* pisces qui vulgo *compressi* nominantur. Huic fere nullus est colorum pulchriorum decor. Sunt sane species aliquot exoticæ quæ variatum jactant splendorem. Europæarum vix ullam novimus præter *Pleuronectem Platteffam* hoc nomine dignam memorari; si excipiamus speciem de qua jam agitur, non quidem rutilam, sed certe elegantem, suaviter nempe roseo-pallentem, partim subflavam, partim argenteo-albentem; inferius pallidiorem longe, seu fere albidam. *Pinnæ* caudaque pallent fusco-flavescentia. *Squamæ* nullæ sunt, sed *squamis* similia minuta quædam reticula.

cula. Caret quoque fere omni asperitate tum linea lateralis, tum origo seu basis pinnæ dorsualis. Inter Pleuronectes reponendus est piscis, quorum oculi a dextro latere siti sunt. *Pleuronecti Flešo* Linnæi admodum affinis est, cujus forsan primo visu varietas haberi possit. Verisimilius tamen est speciem esse revera diversam, nec antea descriptam. In Museo Leveriano exstat specimèn ipsissimum, quod in Thamesi captum est, triennio jam abhinc elapso.



THE
ROSE-COLOURED FLOUNDER.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Head small: *Eyes* both seated on the same side of the head.

Body compressed; somewhat convex and coloured on one side; flat and paler on the other.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

ROSE-COLOURED FLOUNDER, with eyes towards the right.

Obs. In the pectoral fins about 12 rays, in the ventral 7, in the dorsal 60, in the anal 42. In the tail about 20.

The genus *Pleuronectes*, which contains the fish commonly known by the title of flat-fish, is in general not remarkable for elegance of color: some few indeed of the exotic species are beautifully variegated; but of those which are natives of Europe the *Pleuronectes Platessa* or Plaise is perhaps the most decorated. The fish here represented, (if indeed it be really a distinct species, and not a variety of some other,) seems to afford an exception to this rule, and
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is of a color which, if not radiant, must at least be considered as highly elegant; viz. a most delicate rose-color, which in some parts is slightly tinged with yellowish, and in others with silvery white. The lower surface of the fish is still paler, or very nearly white, and the fins and tail are of a pale yellow brown. It is destitute of scales, though marked by very minute scale-like points or reticulations. It is also nearly void of all asperity, either on the side-line, or at the origin of the back-fin, &c. It seems most allied to the *Pleuronectes Flesus*, of which it might perhaps on a cursory view be supposed a variety. There is, however, great reason to believe it a totally new and hitherto undescribed species. It was taken in the Thames about three years ago, and is now in the Leverian Museum.